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In re Application of: Edwin C. Bartlett et al.
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FOR ANCHORING SUTURES
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed September 10, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from December 10, 2002 to January 10, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

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In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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